training in Medical First Response and Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue to the indentified trainers of the States in their designated state level nodal training institutes.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs for establishing an institute in the Himalayan region for training in disaster management.

Reforming of police force

346. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that incidents of police exceeding their briefs have been increasing and where policemen found hurling insults and dragging suspected people publicly;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents and action taken against the erring policemen during the last one year; and

(c) the steps taken to reform police force and make them alive towards the dignity of citizens of a free nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per Constitution, 'Public Order" and 'Police' are the State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to maintain law and order in their States, ensure safety and security of their people and take action against the erring policemen in such cases. However, some incidents of police exceeding their briefs have been reported.

(c) Inputs on Protection of Human Rights have been included in the basic as well as in-service courses of Police personnel of all ranks. State Police Forces and Central Police Forces have also been organizing special courses on "Use of Scientific Techniques in Investigation" "Protection of Human Rights", "Crime against Women", "Crime against SC/ST and Weaker Sections" BPR&D have also been organizing courses on Scienfitic Investigation for the benefit of Police Personnel of States and Central Police Forces. BPR&D has also been organizing courses on Image building, Good Governance, Ethical Issues, Use of Technology in Crime Prevention, Police: Reaching out to Minorities etc. to sensitize senior Police Officers on these relevant issues. Directives on aspects of functioning and conduct of police were also issued by the supreme Court in Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 539 of 1986, D.K. Basu *Vs.* The State of West Bengal and others regarding procedural safeguards to be adopted for effecting arrest and detention of an accused in custody. The' State Governments have been asked to implement the directives given by the Supreme Court.

ULFA Camps in Bangladesh and Nepal

†347. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the terrorist camps of ULFA terrorist organisation are being operated in large number in Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact the ULFA has its links with the political parties of Bangladesh and it also provides them financial help;

(c) whether Government had made any request to the Government of Bangladesh and Nepal to take any action in this regard; and

(d) whether these countries have taken any action in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) There are reports that United Liberation front of Assam (ULFA) have set up camps/hideouts in Bangladesh. However, there is no specific report about existence of ULFAs camps in Nepal.

(b)There is no evidence to suggest institutional linkages of Bangladesh political parties with ULFA.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh for action against Indian Insurgent Group (IIG) camps including ULFA at various fora. This matter was again raised in the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in August 2007 at New Delhi. Bangladesh side stated that it would take effective action against any activity inimical to India by such groups and agreed that swift action would be taken if timely information is provided.

There are bilateral institutional mechanism between India and Nepal which *inter-alia* discussed and review security concern arising from either side by criminal elements and terrorist groups including anti-India activities and suggests measures to strengthen security cooperation between the two countires. Government of Nepal has assured that it would never allow its territory to be used against India. The last Home Secretary level talks between India and Nepal was held at Kathmandu on September 25-26,2007.

Banishing foreign students from Karnataka

†348. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many foreign students have been banished from Karnataka after terrorist conspiracy in Britain;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which these students belong;

(c) whether the above students are in the country;

(d) if so, the States where they are residing; and

(e) whether those States have been intimated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available, no such case has been reported in the State of Karnataka.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Compensation to the victims of Diwali bomb blasts

349. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due compensation has not been given to many victims of Diwali bomb blasts;

(b) whether Government is aware that former DTC driver who threw live bomb from the bus thus saving so many lives and losing his vision in the process has returned his medal to the Government due to its apathy towards bomb victims;

(c) if so, whether Government will launch a fresh survey to find out the number of actual victims who could not get compensation due to bureaucratic apathy; and

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